



2023 ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

PRESENTED BY:

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES &
MSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER



DECEMBER 4-6, 2023

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2301 COLONIAL DRIVE

MACo OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ross Butcher President, Fergus County
Joette Woods 1st Vice President, Liberty County
Gordon Oelkers 2nd Vice President, Roosevelt County
Roman Zylawy Immediate Past President, Mineral County
Jason Strouf Fiscal Officer, Custer County
Randy Brodehl Urban County Rep., Flathead County

2023-2024 DISTRICT CHAIRS

Gary Macdonald District #1, Roosevelt County
Jerry Collins District #2, Garfield County
Kevin Krausz District #3, Custer County
Larry Hendrickson District #4, Liberty County
Jim Morren District #5, Pondera County
Adam Jones District #6, Wheatland County
Bill Wallace District #7, Sweet Grass County
Cory Kirsch District #8, Jefferson County
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Pam Holmquist District #10, Flathead County
Dave Strohmaier District #11, Missoula County
Tom Rice District #12, Beaverhead County

PAST PRESIDENTS

Jason Strouf, Custer County 2021-2022
Shane Gorder, Richland County 2019-2020
Bill Barron, Lake County 2017-2018
Todd Devlin, Prairie County 2016-2017
Joe Briggs, Cascade County 2013-2014
Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County 2012-2013
John Ostlund, Yellowstone County 2010-2011
Carl Seilstad, Fergus County 2009-2010
Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County 2008-2009
Bob Mullen, Jefferson County 1985-1986

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Fulbright County Attorneys, Ravalli County
Vera Pederson Clerk & Recorders, Sweet Grass County
Elizabeth Ball Clerks of District Court, Rosebud County
Carly Anderson Clerks of District Court, Beaverhead County
Audrey Barger Magistrates, Hill County
Susan Beley School Superintendents, Wheatland County
Steve Holton Sheriffs & Peace Officers, Ravalli County
Terri Kunz Treasurers, Jefferson County

AGENDA

WELCOME MONTANA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS!

The Montana Association of Counties, in cooperation with the Local Government Center at MSU have an excellent slate of presenters covering public sector governance, ethics, personnel, finance management, and strategies for dealing with the public.



NEED INTERNET ACCESS?

"Marriott Conference"
No Password Needed!



Registration Open - Hotel Lobby

Monday, December 4 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5 7:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. MACo Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Room

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. MACo WCT Trustees Audit Review & Acceptance
Executive Room

1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. Elected Official Leadership
State/Capitol Room
Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center

2:30 p.m. -2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Real Colors 1.0
State/Capitol Room
Presenters: Ashley Kent, Associate Director, MSU Local Government Center and Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center

2:45 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Real Colors 2.0
Legislative/Judicial Room
Presenters: Ashley Kent, Associate Director, MSU Local Government Center and Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center

5:30 p.m. Dinner
Natatorium

AGENDA CONTINUED...

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 a.m. -9:45 a.m. **Human Resources Management & Human Resources Risk Issues**
State/Capitol Room *Presenter: McKenzie McCarthy, MACo General Counsel*

9:45 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. **County Taxation Part I**
State/Capitol Room *Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center*

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **County Taxation Part II**
State/Capitol Room *Presenters: Eric Bryson, Executive Director, MACo; Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, MACo; Nancy Everson, Governmental Finance Director, MACo*

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Natatorium

1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. **The Montana Code of Ethics & Open Meetings**
State/Capitol Room *Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center*

3:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:15 p.m. -4:45 p.m. **Rotating Table Topics**
Multiple Rooms *Small table discussions with a moderator for a variety of topics.*

Topics:

- **County Boards & Special Districts**
Ashley Kent, LGC Associate Director
- **Voter-Local Government Review**
Dan Clark, LGC Director
- **Legislature and Clerk & Records**
Shantil Siaperas, MACo Communications Director & Lobbyist
- **Legislature and Treasurers**
Rebecca Meyers, MCTA Lobbyist

AGENDA CONTINUED...

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH CONTINUED...

Rotating Table Topics Continued...

- **Sheriffs & Commissioners**
Eric Bryson, Executive Director, MACo & Others
- **Legislative Updates**
Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, MACo
- **Human Resources**
McKenzie McCarthy, General Counsel, MACo
- **Health Care Trust**
Joanne Romasko, Administrator, MACo HCT
- **Property/Casualty Trust**
MACo PCT/WCT
- **Land Use**
Karen Alley, Associate General Counsel, MACo

5:00 p.m. –6:30 p.m. **Networking: Meet & Greet MACo Leadership**
Natatorium

Dinner on your own - find a group!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Budget Creation & Implementation**
State/Capitol Room *Presenter: Nancy Everson, Governmental
Finance Director, MACo*

10:00 a.m. -10:15a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Managing County Finances**
State/Capitol Room *Presenter: Nancy Everson, Governmental
Finance Director, MACo*

12:00p.m. **Adjourn**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING,
AND SAFE TRAVELS HOME!**

NEED TO DOODLE?

IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO SCRIBBLE AIMLESSLY,
WE GET IT! USE THE SPACE BELOW.
(YOU'RE WELCOME.)



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